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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/31/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/16/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-32 are allowed. The allowability of claims 1-16 was addressed in a previous Office action filed 11/29/04 and is repeated below. Claims 17-32 incorporate the allowable subject matter pertaining to the original claim language of claim 19 which was addressed in a previous Office action filed 2/10/04 and is repeated below.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

With regard to claims 1-16, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method for non-invasively measuring arterial blood pressure at a wrist of a patient wherein a changing external pressure is applied to the skin above a point where the radial artery crosses a most protuberant spot on a volar aspect of the radius of the wrist, in combination with all of the other limitations of the claims.

With regard to claims 17-32, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest an apparatus for measuring blood pressure comprising a wrist holding device including a support board shaped to adapt to a turning angle of between approximately 30 and 100 degrees of the wrist relative to the forearm attached to the wrist towards a medial side of the patient's body, in combination with all of the other limitations of the claims.

***Conclusion***


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia C. Mallari whose telephone number is


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(571) 272-4729. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10:00 am-6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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